



# Capital projects

## Purpose

As Kentucky seeks to Double the Number of college graduates in the state, campus facilities must be adequate to support the increased enrollment that will result. To better understand the current condition of campus facilities, the Council and institutions commissioned a statewide facilities study by VFA, Inc., of Boston. The study assessed over 700 campus buildings and found a number of buildings that no longer adequately support their intended use along with a need to add new capacity. This budget recommendation uses these study findings to address both short- and long-term capital needs.

## Proposal

The Council requests approximately \$800 million in state bonds to address the maintenance and renovation of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities.

## How it works

The Council requests \$90 million in state bonds to fund the capital renewal, maintenance, and infrastructure pool to replace or upgrade building systems (i.e., plumbing,

electrical, HVAC, etc.). This is the first installment to begin addressing approximately \$5.3 billion of deferred capital renewal identified by the VFA study. Institutions will receive funding based on their proportionate share of education and general (E&G) space included in the facilities study.

The Council also recommends \$161.8 million of state bonds for space adequacy and renovations to ensure building space sufficiently serves current and future needs. The combination of state bonds and institutional funds will address \$191 million of renovation projects supported by the VFA study.

The Council recommends \$497.9 million of state bonds to construct new space. The combination of state bonds and institutional funds will address \$574.1 million of new capacity to support Kentucky's Double the Numbers Plan and the expansion of research and economic development. Funds for new and expanded E&G facilities and postsecondary education centers are requested in the amount of \$312.9 million, and research and economic development projects requested total \$185 million.

## Highlights

- State bonds of \$800 million to renovate existing structures and construct new facilities.
- Recommendations based on findings of statewide facilities study address short- and long-term needs.
- Ensures campuses have capacity to support research needs and accommodate increased enrollment that will result from Kentucky's Double the Numbers initiative.

The Council seeks \$50 million for an information technology initiative pool to enhance technology capabilities and replace and "refresh" technology and equipment in the postsecondary education system. Institutions will receive \$40 million to support eligible information technology projects that further Kentucky's goal to Double the Numbers. The remaining \$10 million will support statewide technology initiatives, including eligible projects of the Kentucky Virtual Campus and Library.